GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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FACILITIES IN METROPOLITAN CITIES
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is contemplating to formulate any scheme for the development of facilities in metropolitan cities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the amount proposed to be spent for the implementation of these schemes;

(d) whether financial assistance is proposed to be given to the State Governments for developing metropolitan cities on the line of National Capital Region in Delhi;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

(a)to(f): A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 92 for 7.12.2004 REGARDING FACILITIES IN METROPOLITAN CITIES.

(a)to(f): In 1993-94, Government formulated a scheme to address the infrastructure needs of five (5) cities (excluding Delhi) with population of 4 million and above, as per 1991 population census. The cities covered are Bangalore, Hyderabad, Chennai, Kolkata and Mumbai. Under the scheme, sharing of funds between the Central and State Governments is in the ratio of 25:25 and the balance 50% is mobilized from financial institutions. Internal resources of implementing agencies could also be used in lieu of institutional finance. Ever since 1993-94, Rs.1183.36 crore has so far been released under this Scheme.

The following are the admissible components of the Scheme:-

1. Development of urban fringes;

2. Urban renewal;

3. Increasing the provision of serviced land and sites/houses, at affordable costs, specially for the urban poor;

4. Slum improvement and rehabilitation projects;

5. Laying/improvement/widening of arterial/sub-arterial roads within the metropolitan areas to remove transport bottlenecks;
6. Laying of ring roads/outer ring roads and by-passes around mega cities;

7 Construction and development or expansion of `truck terminals`;

8. Improvements to the water-supply and sewerage and drainage systems in the city;

9. Solid waste disposal schemes and setting up of urban waste composting plants in the city to convert garbage (biodegradable portion) into manure;
10. Environmental improvement and sanitation and city beautification schemes;
11. Construction of large commercial and trade complexes and

National/International Convention Centres, World Trade and Exhibition Centres, and the like provided they are shown to be financially and commercially viable;

12. Construction of buildings like Working Women`s hostels, tourist complexes etc.